REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully

requested.

By the present preliminary amendment a new Abstract believed to be in more proper

format under United States practice is submitted.

Further, claims 1-15 are canceled without prejudice and new claims 16-30 are

presented for examination. New claims 16-30 are deemed to be self-evident from the original

disclosure, including the original claims, and thus are not deemed to raise any issues of new

matter. New claims 16-30 are also not believed to be more narrow in scope in any aspect in

comparison with canceled claims 1-15.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough

examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is

hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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